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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN VICTIMS OF BABVA BEACH GOA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to those women victims of sexual exploitation who were willing to go back to their respective States due to demolition of the Baina Beach in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; {

(c) whether the National Commission for Women have conducted any inquiry in connection with the problems of women victims of the Baina Beach;

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the Commission;

(e) whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of the Commission; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATIKANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) According to the State Government of Goa, financial assistance was offered to commercial sex workers who were willing to go to their respective States due to demolition at Baina Beach. However, despite active counseling by State Commission for women several times, none was ready to accept it.

(c),(d),(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. NCW visited Goa on 03.7.04. Their report has been received in the Directorate of Women & Child Development, Goa on 10.8.04. The recommendations are as given below:

1. The State should immediately undertake confidence building measures.

2 . Mechanisms should be developed to ensure that the promises made by the State Government are kept, and reliefs and rehabilitation measures proposed by the State Government are implemented.

3. Care must be taken that the beneficiaries are made fully and sufficiently aware of the benefits and offers intended for them as the women victims of Child Sex Exploitation (CSE) further affected by the displacement from the Baina Beach due to the State sponsored demolition.

4. The intended beneficiaries, the women victims of Child Sex Exploitation (CSE), should be taken into confidence and consulted at various stages of the rehabilitation process.

5 . The communication channels must be structured in order to facilitate better dialogue and exchange of views, opinions, and suggestions between the affected persons and the State.

6. A senior level government officer should be nominated to liaison with the affected people as a nodal officer.

7 . Particular attention should be given to the education and development of children of the women victims of Child Sex Exploitation (CSE) in order to eliminate second generation trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

These are under consideration by the State Government of Goa.